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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendices D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available

r figure or series revised since previous issue

n.y.a. not yet available

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lod (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	November	8,437	7,309	22,020	40.7	7,112	7,523	22,404	24,323	597	640	455	428	42.1	36.2	286	228	
	December	4,996	6,315		25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252	
	January	4,565	6,285		25.7	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229	
	February	7,242	7,045	22,214	34.4	6,830	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238	
	March	7,464	7,174		37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259	
	April	5,709	6,807		32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249	
	May	8,209	6,821	18,255	40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235	
1979-80	June	7,087	6,722		34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246	
	July	6,513	6,190		36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241	
	August	6,853	7,236	24,667	39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272	
	September	7,384	7,532		33.5	8,025	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301	
	October	8,353	7,346		38.4	7,930	7,877	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	331	274	
	November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,511	7,973	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294	
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,375	8,021	21,946	25,678	749	740	422	443	28.9	34.6	292	311	

(a) Gross mine output by the manufacturer in a | static contents of mine products in finished state. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of

PRODUCTION - continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m						Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m						Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool				Stocks (a)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Book value at end of quarter \$m	Original	Seas. adj.					
1978-79	November	3,642	3,373	785	1,635	11,919	258	248	231.5	724	467	91,880	75.1	20,499	20,603											
	December	2,791	3,140	601	1,677	18,991	208	239	233.6	r664	466	51,084	74.7													
	January	1,228	3,118	315	1,581	4,162	215	236	237.0	579	464	37,797	73.2													
	February	3,061	2,903	702	1,624	11,603	229	244	241.5	r435	476	35,128	70.3													
	March	4,214	3,878	689	1,595	12,411	243	232	244.7	r376	460	41,661	71.6													
	April	2,766	3,332	511	1,587	10,156	199	218	248.7	r290	461	32,642	73.1													
	May	3,599	3,442	1615	1,579	13,804	216	195	252.1	243	474	32,935	73.5													
1979-80	June	4,491	3,837	1614	1,699	13,870	182	181	255.3	231	479	23,386	71.6													
	July	3,921	3,804	759	760	13,619	190	185	259.2	312	478	43,007	74.8													
	August	4,091	3,246	779	742	13,353	214	208	261.5	484	512	79,058	76.9													
	September	4,925	4,536	754	786	11,914	211	215	263.3	617	501	86,064	75.9													
	October	3,745	3,254	929	744	14,758	237	213	266.8	726	457	117,187	73.4													
	November	3,659	3,092	995	840	13,394	202	191	269.3	709	456	90,005	74.4													
	December	3,539	4,473	661	770	9,434	166	188	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports value \$m		Total imports. value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c)		Export price index (revised) (a)		Balance on current account \$m		Net apparent capital inflow \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.	All groups	1974-75 = 100	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	November	rl.209	rl.148	1,206	rl.141	2,425	2,228	137	-215	282	3,226	3,259		
	December	1,088	1,163	1,034	rl.160	140	251	187	3,200	3,229				
	January	rl.303	rl.253	1,213	1,120	142	212	105	3,377	3,450				
	February	rl.130	rl.207	1,051	rl.133	2,596	2,114	146	135	357	3,723	3,705		
	March	rl.176	rl.276	1,144	rl.192	149	314	196	3,600	3,605				
	April	rl.248	rl.251	1,120	rl.215	156	248	341	3,677	3,610				
	May	rl.495	rl.395	1,393	rl.249	2,589	2,202	159	179	240	3,824	3,758		
1979-80	June	1,406	1,378	1,288	rl.370	161	199	226	3,885	3,824				
	July	rl.400	rl.384	1,227	1,135	161	252	122	3,865	3,814				
	August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232	162	265	41	3,667	3,708				
	September	1,379	rl.459	1,102	1,200	164	51	247	3,858	3,893				
	October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347	169	87	15	4,106	4,129				
	November	rl.679	rl.612	1,371	1,317	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4	4,148	4,174				
	December	1,564	1,665	1,167	1,299	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7	164	n.y.a.				

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales (a)								Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m						
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original		
1978-79	November	£	2,224	2,121	3,331	rl.124	2,530	rl.181	1,345	1,146	39.1	38.1	9.9	9.6	3,000
	December		2,891	2,178						35.2	38.4	8.6	9.4	2,022	
	January		2,038	2,183						31.0	35.7	7.7	9.1	3,027	
	February		1,945	2,202	3,149	rl.217	1,932	rl.242	1,075	rl.147	35.4	38.6	9.4	10.7	3,021
	March		2,174	2,220						38.9	37.7	9.5	9.3	3,017	
	April		2,087	2,223						36.4	38.0	8.7	9.2	3,016	
	May		2,337	2,251	rl.216	rl.291	rl.259	rl.237	rl.089	rl.164	45.4	40.1	10.7	9.3	3,029
1979-80	June		2,140	2,220						40.2	39.8	9.7	9.1	3,034	
	July		2,181	2,328						44.2	42.0	10.4	9.3	3,047	
	August		2,322	2,320	3,301	3,413	2,203	2,303	1,145	1,214	43.3	39.4	9.8	9.2	3,030
	September		2,176	2,318						36.1	38.4	8.9	9.7	3,023	
	October		2,334	2,314						39.8	37.8	10.7	10.0	3,027	
	November		2,493	2,350	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.5	38.3	10.1	10.2	3,040	
	December		n.y.a.	n.y.a.						n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period amounts financed to new agreements made were: August \$146m, September \$128m, October \$150m, November \$143m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Original \$	Seas. adj.	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit	Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index: six capital cities (a)						Data unless otherwise noted (d)			
						All groups		Food (e)	Clothing	Housing (f)	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
						Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1978-79	November	228.20	222.00	547.5	n.a.	258.2	244.0	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5	
	December			569.6	n.a.		245.3								
	January			569.7	n.a.		250.1								
	February	222.80	231.00	569.8	n.a.	262.6	251.9	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7	
	March			570.1	n.a.		251.9								
	April			570.4	n.a.		259.6								
1979-80	May	232.80	231.40	570.5	n.a.	269.6	263.3	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0	
	June			588.3	n.a.		267.4								
	July			588.5	1.3		272.6								
	August	237.80	238.10	588.8	1.4	275.8	270.9	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2	
	September			588.9	1.3		271.5								
	October			588.8	1.4		275.1								
1979-80	November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.5	284.1	276.2	292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7	297.5	335.3	129.4	
	December			n.y.a.	1.6		281.2								

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Original \$m	Seas. adj.	Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced 000 units		Materials used in house building Original	Materials used in building other than house building Original	New buildings and structures \$m		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises Other new capital equipment \$m		
			Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1978-79	November	637.3	545.6	11.4	10.5	108.9	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5	263.0	262.5	662.3	582.8	1,667.7	1,567.7
	December	460.1	519.6	9.8	10.9	70.6					264.6	264.4				
	January	439.1	535.6	8.1	10.5	104.4					266.9	268.3				
	February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	31.7	270.9	273.4	452.6	555.7	1,448.5	1,661.2
	March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0					273.7	275.0				
	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9					277.2	277.3				
1979-80	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	31.3	278.7	278.6	t575.5	t556.5	t1,873.4	t1,731.3
	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6					280.2	279.3				
	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6					283.6	285.2				
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	32.7	31.0	287.6	288.5	t531.9	t524.0	t1,531.1	t1,559.7
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.7	126.9					290.6	290.2				
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3					293.4	292.2				
1979-80	November	847.9	798.1	13.0	12.4	131.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	295.0	293.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					297.4	299.3				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)												Taxation revenue	
	Savings banks depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b) Deposits \$m		Finance companies balances outstanding \$m		Permanent building societies (c) \$m		Common wealth bond yield short dated monies (e) \$m		Listed companies shares (f) \$m		Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Original	Seas. ad.	Original	Seas. ad.	Original	Seas. ad.	Original	Seas. ad.	Original	Seas. ad.	Original	Seas. ad.	Original	Seas. ad.
1978-79														
November	18,677	18,753	19,232	19,158	14,324	14,122	16,350	142	193	105	8,666	5018	2,396	2,268
December	18,870	18,774	19,601	19,327	14,515	14,173	16,521	246	162	79	8,676	1,776	2,270	
January	19,056	18,908	20,046	19,431	14,366	14,511	16,586	334	172	80	8,722	2,115	2,338	
February	19,278	19,171	20,461	19,664	14,304	14,716	16,655	318	204	68	8,777	1722	2,347	2,423
March	19,340	19,445	20,852	19,985	14,472	14,579	16,755	316	216	97	9,010	2,227	2,383	
April	19,229	19,559	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9,611	3,446	2,425	
May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	188	183	109	9,711	1279	3,233	2,214
June	19,833	19,868	19,602	21,193	15,012	15,041	17,135	508	166	89	9,934	2,623	2,342	
1979-80														
July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9,944	1,387	2,372	
August	20,131	20,059	19,358	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	384	179	100	9,944	4657	2,606	2,612
September	20,247	20,095	20,314	20,785	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9,955	1,883	2,508	
October	20,364	20,159	20,995	21,027	16,215	15,829	17,846	356	208	96	9,944	2,114	2,553	
November	20,412	20,325	21,463	21,518	16,411	16,179	18,128	312	213	103	9,966	1,333	2,534	
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	22,148	21,838	16,612	16,448	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj
AT CURRENT PRICES																
1978-79	September	23,900	24,472	1,017	1,510	22,883	22,962	14,177	14,492	4,061	4,094	3,360	3,366	1,814	1,965	
	December	27,091	24,995	2,348	1,586	24,743	23,399	15,689	14,886	4,279	4,125	3,794	3,589	2,082	1,990	
	March	25,366	25,989	2,162	1,706	23,204	24,283	14,763	15,365	3,980	4,210	3,348	3,717	1,793	2,193	
	June	25,269	26,489	1,715	1,888	24,134	24,601	15,708	15,711	4,418	4,272	3,975	3,802	2,525	2,152	
1979-80	September	27,040	27,307	1,141	1,814	25,539	25,293	16,062	16,216	4,277	4,111	3,677	3,570	1,960	2,124	
	December	n.s.a.	23,34	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																
1978-79	September	1,618	17,000	17	1,282	15,769	15,724	9,338	9,817	2,534	2,505	2,552	2,552	2,268	1,252	1,367
	December	18,927	17,488	2,000	1,280	16,834	15,876	10,177	9,839	2,669	2,680	2,496	2,374	1,417	1,359	
	March	17,134	17,170	1,800	1,226	18,798	16,994	9,556	9,881	2,701	2,674	2,152	2,382	1,183	1,340	
	June	18,084	17,252	4,277	1,595	15,602	15,617	9,934	9,920	2,954	2,865	2,037	2,392	1,633	1,576	
1979-80	September	17,046	17,348	812	1,214	16,364	16,338	9,016	9,997	2,556	2,708	2,107	2,191	1,232	1,340	
	December	n.s.a.	23,34	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	6,82	
AT CURRENT PRICES (continued)																
Imports of goods and services																
Exports of goods and services																
Gross investment in fixed assets																
Trade balance																
Current transfers received																
Current transfers paid																
Income of households from market activities																
Wages, salaries and supplements																
Income of other households																
Less direct taxes and household disposable income																
Household disposable income																
Quarter	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Original
1978-79	September	4,056	3,958	3,561	3,618	2,668	2,665	5,109	5,177	13,484	13,643	492	19,944	2,813	17,624	
	December	4,276	4,396	4,000	3,828	3,245	2,786	6,787	5,608	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,228	3,009	19,950	
	March	4,315	4,318	4,246	4,416	2,322	2,778	6,061	5,882	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,488	3,768	18,281	
	June	4,597	4,596	4,565	4,526	2,714	2,766	5,025	6,224	14,388	14,462	542	21,915	5,700	16,756	
1979-80	September	4,658	4,550	4,775	4,849	2,976	2,972	6,035	6,154	14,855	14,875	832	22,078	3,283	19,628	
	December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time		Total			Survey estimate rate
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Females	Original	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
1978-79														
November	4,762.4	4,407.9	2,313.7	2,321.3	6,367.0	6,385.9	1,411.0	117.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7	7.0	
December	4,168.3	3,935.3	2,266.8	2,338.7	6,436.1	6,496.1	219.9	183.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
January	4,119.3	3,926.8	2,237.5	2,326.4	6,427.9	6,427.9	238.2	185.9	65.0	250.0	196.1	446.2		
February	4,125.4	4,101.4	2,237.5	2,326.4	6,427.9	6,427.9	229.5	182.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	435.9		
March	4,127.4	4,103.0	2,359.2	2,389.2	6,466.6	6,477.1	206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
April	4,124.6	4,103.0	2,348.5	2,389.2	6,437.1	6,426.9	202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8		
May	4,118.9	4,111.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	197.7	137.4	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3	
June	4,115.6	4,111.4	2,331.3	2,331.3	6,446.9	6,446.9	192.8	130.7	65.8	200.0	183.3	389.1		
1979-80														
July	4,112.4	4,106.7	2,337.7	2,314.6	6,450.1	6,415.3	186.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5		
August	4,106.7	4,121.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	182.8	130.1	60.8	199.1	178.9	373.8	33.0	
September	4,110.9	4,121.1	2,373.7	2,373.7	6,514.6	6,514.6	184.7	138.3	71.5	201.6	181.0	396.5		
October	4,126.8	4,136.6	2,386.2	2,396.2	6,517.0	6,517.0	178.1	134.5	76.2	199.9	191.8	385.8		
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,511.4	171.8	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	351.0		
December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	2,395.7	2,395.7	6,512.0	6,512.0	203.4	151.8	73.5	225.1	203.2	420.0		

(a) Includes aged 16 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of secondly quarter unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force Bulletin* (62030). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies*, March 1979 (62310).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a)

Month	Total civilian employees ('000)				Private Government ('000 persons)				Principal industries ('000 persons)				Wholesale and retail trade	
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79														
November	3,090.3	3,093.0	1,858.8	1,847.0	4,949.1	4,940.0	3,449.5	3,437.0	1,499.6	1,503.0	1,160.4	1,175.5	997.4	989.7
December	3,094.0	3,096.0	1,856.5	1,857.4	4,950.5	4,953.4	3,454.4	3,446.4	1,496.1	1,507.0	1,155.5	1,158.5	1,006.1	992.6
January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.7	1,858.5	4,923.0	4,954.2	3,432.2	3,447.5	1,490.8	1,506.7	1,133.0	1,158.2	992.0	996.2
February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.0	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.2	1,506.2	1,505.9	1,164.2	1,160.6	994.2	997.5
March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.2	3,467.4	3,458.2	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.0	1,163.1	997.1	999.0
April	3,107.4	3,095.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	1,162.0	999.0	999.4
May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5	1,000.9
June	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6	998.6
1979-80														
July	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,463.8	1,512.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6	1,000.2
August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.5	4,974.7	3,469.9	3,474.9	1,516.8	1,513.7	1,165.1	1,169.0	996.6	1,001.5
September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0	1,516.8	1,517.6	1,167.5	1,170.3	1,002.9	1,006.9
October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6	1,516.3	1,519.4	1,170.7	1,169.3	1,007.9	1,007.5
November	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.
December	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic census and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to derive them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (62130). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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